



2025 NCYC Digital Encounter with Pope Leo XIV

Introduction to the Series: Carrying the Dialogue Forward

On November 21, 2025, thousands of young people gathered in Lucas Oil Stadium, and thousands more joined from homes, classrooms, and parishes around the world, for something the Church had never seen before: a live, real-time conversation between Pope Leo XIV and the young Church in the United States.

For the first time, the Holy Father didn't simply address young people; he listened to them. He received their stories, their worries, hopes, and their questions. He spoke about their worth, their dignity, and their irreplaceable place in the Church today. He reflected on prayer, friendship, trust, discernment, the Sacraments, technology, truth, and the lifelong call to holiness. And again and again, he reminded young people that they are not only the future of the Church; they are the present, and the Church needs their voices now.

Throughout the dialogue, certain themes echoed across our time together with our Holy Father:

- **A genuine relationship with Jesus requires time, spent in prayer, in the Sacraments, and in quiet trust.**
- **Technology is a tool, not a replacement for human connections, relationships, or discipleship.**
- **Honest dialogue builds trust, strengthens friendships, and forms communities rooted in Christ.**
- **Every young person, across cultures, abilities, and experiences, has a unique role to play in the Church's mission right now.**

This series was created to help you keep that moment alive. Not as a one-time event, but as a starting point. Pope Leo XIV modeled dialogue for us, listening deeply, speaking honestly, and inviting young people into the heart of the Church's life. Now the work continues with us.

Each resource in this series will help groups, families, classrooms, and ministry leaders reflect on what the Holy Father shared, open new conversations, and strengthen the habits of dialogue that lead to faith, hope, and peace.

The encounter has happened. Now the invitation is ours: to carry the spirit of dialogue forward in our parishes, our homes, our friendships, and our daily lives.